



Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:00 p.m.

House Committee Room, Pocahontas Building

2018 Legislation you may have missed

Data Analytics

SB 580

Data collection and dissemination; governance. Amends the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) to facilitate the sharing of data among agencies of the Commonwealth and between the Commonwealth and political subdivisions. The bill creates the position of Chief Data Officer of the Commonwealth (CDO), housed in the office of the Secretary of Administration, to (i) develop guidelines regarding data usage, storage, and privacy and (ii) coordinate and oversee data sharing in the Commonwealth to promote the usage of data in improving the delivery of services. The bill also creates a temporary Data Sharing and Analytics Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) to advise the CDO in the initial establishment of guidelines and best practices and to make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly regarding a permanent data governance structure.

The bill directs the CDO and the Advisory Committee to focus their initial efforts on developing a project for the sharing, analysis, and dissemination at a state, regional, and local level of data related to substance abuse, with a focus on opioid addiction, abuse, and overdose.

HB 1277

Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act; sharing and dissemination of data. Amends the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) to facilitate the sharing of data among agencies of the Commonwealth and between the Commonwealth and political subdivisions.

Certification of Documents

HB 167

Diploma seals; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Requires the Board of Education to establish criteria for awarding a diploma seal for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) for the Board of Education-approved diplomas. Under current law, such diploma seal is limited in scope to technology and advanced mathematics.

HB 589

Institutions of higher education; diplomas; proof of education; method. Provides that each public institution of higher education and private institution of higher education may

provide any diploma or other proof of education to requesting individuals or entities using the method that it deems most appropriate, in either electronic or paper form. The bill requires the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia to post on its website a statement in accordance with such institutional authority.

Programming

HB 443

High school graduation requirements; substitution of computer coding credit for foreign language credit. Requires the Board of Education, in establishing high school graduation requirements, to permit any English language learner who previously earned a sufficient score on an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate foreign language examination or an SAT II Subject Test in a foreign language to substitute computer coding course credit for any foreign language course credit required to graduate, except in cases in which such foreign language course credit is required to earn an advanced diploma offered by a nationally recognized provider of college-level courses.

Unmanned Aircraft

SB 307

Department of Aviation; unmanned aircraft systems. Directs the Department of Aviation to convene a work group with stakeholders to explore issues related to unmanned aircraft system activities in coordination with the Federal Aviation Administration and other responsible federal agencies. The bill defines "unmanned aircraft" and "unmanned aircraft system" for application to Title 5.1 (Aviation), but such definitions shall not become effective unless reenacted by the 2019 Session of the General Assembly.